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THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

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Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives:

Since your last meeting a grievous public calamity, in the guise of a financial panic, has visited the country, having in its train a series of disasters. The industrial pursuits and monetary interests of the State have become greatly depressed, the wealth of many of her leading capitalists and most public spirited citizens has been wholly swept away, the business of her corporations paralyzed, the machinery of her manufactories arrested, her mineral, iron, oil and other productions greatly depreciated in value, and poverty and want brought to the dwellings of the humble homes of thousands of her honest and industrious citizens, who toil for their daily bread. To remedy these evils, under which all our industries are languishing, so far as relief can be administered by legislation, it is barely necessary to suggest, should be the first duty of your honorable bodies—a duty which I feel assured will be undertaken with care and deliberation, invoking to its aid a fair share of humanity and the highest practical wisdom. In any measures looking to this object it will be my pleasure heartily to co-operate.

Finances.

It is gratifying to observe that while many of the most substantial securities in the market were more or less depressed during the recent panic, the finances of the State were unshaken, exhibiting unmistakable evidence of the stability of the State credit. The following statement, showing their satisfactory condition, will challenge attention:

DEBT REDEEMED

During fiscal year ending November 30, 1873:	
Six per cent. loan	$1,308,800 00
Five per cent. loan	153,315 40
Chambersburg certificates	42,760 24
Total	1,504,672 70

RECEIPTS

During fiscal year ending November 30, 1873.	
Balance in Treasury, Nov. 30, 1872	1,074,423 61
Receipts	7,084,758 20
Total	8,159,178 81

DISBURSEMENTS

During fiscal year ending November 30, 1873:	
Ordinary expenses	$ 3,666,325 67
Loans redeemed	1,504,672 70
Interest paid on loans	1,563,029 20
	$6,734,027 57
Balance in Treas. Nov. 30, 1873	1,825,151 24

Public Debt.

FUNDED DEBT.

Six per cent. loans	$20,540,580 60	
Five per cent. loans	4,972,354 01	
Four and a half per cent. loans	87,000 00	
		$25,599,934 61

UNFUNDED DEBT.

Relief notes in circulation	$96,248 00	
Interest certificates outstanding	13,049'02	
Interest certificates unclaimed	4,448 38	
Domestic creditors' certificates	44 67	
Chambersburg certificates outstanding	84,829 64	
Chambersburg certificates unclaimed	267 22	
	198,887 93	
Total public debt, November 30, 1873		$25,798,821 94

BONUS IN SINKING FUND.

Amount brought forward	$25,798,821 94
Bonds of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company	$5,700,000 00
Bonds of the Allegheny Valley Railroad Company	3,500,000 00
	9,200,000 00
Cash in Treasury November 30, 1873	1,825,151 24
	11,025,151 24
Indebtedness unprovided for	$14,773,670 70

In 1874 the receipts from all sources will be $1,500,000 less than the receipts of 1873, while the expenditures will not be diminished. This loss of revenue is largely due to the repeal of taxes heavily resting upon the property interests of the Commonwealth, and partly to the prostration of business. The receipts in 1875 may be about the same as those of 1874, but the expenditures will be greater, owing to the additional outlay necessary for schools, the system of which will be under the new Constitution, which will then be in full force. Notwithstanding this enormous decrease in the receipts, and increase in expenditures, it is hoped and believed, that by the most rigid economy in every department of the government and moderate appropriations, the revenues in the future will be sufficient to meet all the demands on the Treasury, and leave a balance to reduce the indebtedness of the State, as required by the Constitution. I am decidedly of the opinion that those who believe as the debt decreases there should be a corresponding relief afforded to those interests that bear the burden of taxation; but at this juncture I would regard any further reduction of the State tax, except on our list of taxes, however, may be found some that are not strictly "uniform upon the same class of subjects," and very unfair in their operation, and I think, therefore, a revision of our tax laws is now desirable, if not necessary.

SINKING FUND.

In compliance with the constitutional amendment of 1857, the Legislature in 1858 created a sinking fund for the payment of the interest on the State debt, and for an annual reduction of the principal in a sum not less than $300,000 per annum. In addition to the securities designated by the amendment, the revenues arising from certain taxes were assigned to this fund. From that time, each succeeding year, the interest on the debt has been punctually paid, and the large portion of principal redeemed, instead of amounting to $250,000, has grown to the immense sum of one to two millions per year. The reason is a simple one. The revenues set apart for the sinking fund, by the growth of the State, have, from year to year, become annually much larger, while the amount required to be paid on account of interest, by reason of the rapid decrease of the public debt, has every year become smaller, and in this way the annual amount for the sinking fund have swollen to proportions never contemplated by the original friends of the measure. As an illustration, it is simply necessary to say, that the revenues flowing to this fund were last year over half the entire income of the State, or $3,500,000, while only $1,500,000 were needed to pay the interest on the debt. In the meantime, the annual revenues allotted for general purposes have been less than the amount of the annual appropriations of the Legislature, and the Legislatures never having made provision for the difference by a reconstruction of the revenues, it became necessary for the Treasurer to pay the deficiencies of appropriations out of the funds properly due to the sinking fund or suspend payment. This condition of affairs places the Sinking Fund Commissioners in an anomalous position, from which it is manifestly the duty of the Legislature to relieve them.

The Centennial.

The progress of the work of preparation for the Centennial is realizing fully the expectations of our people. The distinguished gentlemen charged with the details of this vast undertaking are striving zealously, with great intelligence and industry, to perfect all the arrangements in a manner commensurate with the important and conspicuous position our Republic occupies among the nations of the earth. A becoming regard for the dignity and honor of the country, we can hope, will now induce the General Government, and all the States, to extend to the Commission such material aid as will secure this enterprise from every possibility of failure. The city of Philadelphia, whose generosity, in different ways, in behalf of the Centennial, has elicited commendation from all quarters, ceded to the Commission an eligible site in the midst of her beautiful park, whereon the proposed buildings for the exhibition, the plans of which have been adopted, are to be erected. This site was formally transferred and dedicated to its special uses on the 4th of July last, in the presence of a large concourse of citizens. Upon that occasion proclamation of the President was made, wherein the celebration and exhibition were commended to the people of the United States, and a cordial invitation given to all nations who may be pleased to take part therein.

With this act the project became a national one, and co-operation was invited and expected from the whole nation; and it is a pleasure to observe that the different States and Territories are eamestly moving with a view to such contributions as will place the celebration not only upon a sound financial basis, but make it a successful exhibition of their various resources and industries. To stamp the Centennial, however, with the character of a national enterprise, it must receive assistance direct and substantial from the National Government. Congress must set the seal of its approbation upon the work of the Commission, and manifest not only an interest in this great undertaking, but a determination that in its proportions and grandeur the American Exposition shall eclipse all those which have preceded it in Europe, as the development of our resources, the expansion of our grand railway system, and the diversified employment of the arts and sciences in all the avenues of our industry surpass those of the old world.

Pennsylvania must not neglect this opportunity for the display of her rich, varied and inexhaustible products, nor relax her efforts to rescue the exhibition from every mischance to which indifference or distrust may expose it. It is true her constributions have been large, but she must not forget that the nation has signally honored her people by designating her metropolis as the place for the proposed celebration, and she must show by renewed exertions that she appreciates the distinction.

The New Constitution.

Pursuant to an act of the General Assembly, approved June 2, A. D. 1871, the people, by a large majority, voted in favor of calling a Convention to amend the Constitution of this Commonwealth, and the General Assembly, by an act approved April 11, 1872, provided for the calling of the same, and in compliance with its provisions the delegates elected thereto assembled at the State Capital, at Harrisburg, on the second Tuesday of November, 1872, and adjourned *sine die* on Saturday, December 27, 1873. The Constitution adopted by the Convention was submitted to the qualified electors of the Commonwealth, on the third Tuesday of December, 1873, and by a certificate of the said Convention, on file in the office of the Secretary of this Commonwealth, it appears 253,560 votes were given for, and 109,198 votes against the new Constitution.

In the schedule of the new Constitution it is provided that it shall take effect on the first day of January, 1874. In the act calling the Convention, it is provided that the returns of the votes cast for and against the new Constitution, "shall be opened, counted and published as the returns for Governor are by law directed to be opened and published," and when so ascertained and certified, "the Governor shall declare by proclamation the result of the election." The Constitution of 1838, as well as the new Constitution, provides that the returns of every election for Governor shall be sealed up and transmitted to the seat of government, directed to the President of the Senate, who shall open and publish them in presence of the members of both Houses of the General Assembly."

The Constitutional Convention, the last day of its session, passed the following preamble and resolution:

"WHEREAS, It appears by the returns of election in the several counties of the State, held on Tuesday, the 16th day of December, A. D. 1873, that the new Constitution has been adopted by a majority of one hundred and forty-four thousand three hundred and sixty-two; therefore,

Resolved, That His Excellency, the Governor be informed by the President of the Convention, of the result, and that he be respectfully requested to issue his proclamation thereof without delay."

I respectfully call your attention thereto, that there may be no unnecessary delay in the counting of the vote cast for and against the new Constitution; that I may in conformity with the provisions of the act calling the Convention, and in compliance with the resolution, issue my proclamation, promptly issue the proper proclamation.

The new Constitution having been approved by a very decided majority of the people, it is expected that all citizens will yield cheerful obedience to its behests, and unite to strictly and faithfully enforce its provisions.

As each day's experience reveals the methods of administration, the conviction grows stronger in my mind that good government depends not so much upon written laws as upon the disposition of the people to comply with the demands of the laws, and the determination of those delegated to execute them, to see that their mandates are enforced. Reform, it will be conceded, cannot be obtained by mere constitutional enactment, nor by surrounding officers and trusts with additional restraints.

The world's history from the earliest ages has shown that no code of laws, however comprehensive or restrictive, will evade man's ingenuity if bent upon overstepping the bounds, and wise and necessary as the provisions of the new Constitution may be, they will never secure the ends designed unless sustained by a strong, active, healthful and intelligent sentiment that will interest itself in public affairs. It will not suffice to enact that integrity shall be one of the essential qualifications for office, unless the people see to it that none without these qualifications are selected. It is the indifference and inattention of electors to their primary political duties, connected with nominations and elections, that despoil the law of its sanctity, and afford security to those who will fully disobey its requirements. Men do not fulfill the obligations of citizenship by merely enjoying the protection our institutions afford. To perform his whole duty to the State, every citizen should actively engage in political concerns when the recurring elections invoke his attention and interference. In our system of government at this hour entitled to vote is invested with a grave public trust, and if, through indifference or neglect, he fails to discharge the sacred duties it imposes, he is almost as culpable as the man who deliberately violates the law. With this new departure in our organic law, let there also be an accompanying resolution on the part of all good citizens that they will attend diligently and conscientiously to the performance of most important duties connected with the selection of men for office whose dignity of character and intellect will be an adequate guaranty that the new Constitution will be safe in their keeping.

Upon the present Legislature devolves a duty involving great care and labor. In discharging it, I believe it will be, with a proper regard for the public interest, will redound to its credit and honor. To you is committed the important trust of moulding existing regulations into conformity with the change about to be inaugurated in the fundamental law of the State. Bring to the performance of this high and responsible duty all the wisdom you possess, divest yourselves of all selfish considerations, devote time and thought to the work, and with the new Constitution as your constant guide, frame up a good and symmetrical system of laws, and let us, so far as it lies in our ability, start the State forward upon her future career, clothed with ample powers to extend her enterprise and fulfill her great destiny.

To another consideration I invite public attention. All special enactments are not necessarily bad laws, while it may be equally acceptable to state that all general enactments are not good laws. I enjoin upon the people of the whole State increased vigilance in their watch over all legislation. Attempts will doubtless be made to obtain special objects through the instrumentality of general laws, which, while they may be of one interest or locality, might prove very oppressive to others. Let every citizen who has the interest of the State at heart, lend his assistance to the Legislature and Executive, to detect and frustrate such schemes.

Schools.

The interesting report of the Superintendent of Common Schools will command your thoughtful attention, because of the important subject of which it treats and the many valuable suggestions it contains. Pennsylvania, it will be observed, is making decided progress in the cause of education, increasing the number of schools, enlarging each year the sphere of instruction, extending the time within which schooling may be obtained, and supplying more of the conveniences necessary for the comfort and health of scholars and teachers. There is in this State, doubts of the practicability of a system of public schools beset and crippled the cause of education, but judicious and careful management has happily dissipated all this mistrust, and our people are now united in the selection of the utility and wisdom of free and universal instruction. Those concerned in the administration of public affairs are expected to devote to the vital problems of education the time and consideration they require, and I have no doubt that the present Legislature will look into and provide remedies for many of the deficiencies that still exist in our present school system. Prominent among the defects is the lack of proper training and other qualifications of the teachers of the schools. Of the 15,063 teachers receiving certificates to teach during the year only 574 were found to have a *thorough* knowledge of reading, writing, arithmetic, geography and grammar, and but a small proportion for their profession which insures success." is the startling declaration made by the Superintendent of Common Schools. There must certainly be a radical change in this regard, if we would have the children attain even the rudiments of an ordinary education. The necessity of establishing Normal schools wherein students are specially qualified and trained for teaching is conspicuously shown in these statistics, and it is a gratification to know that twelve of these useful institutions have been erected or are in process of erection in various parts of the State, and when all are furnished with an able corps of instructors, we can confidently hope the graduates therefrom will largely contribute to supply this pressing need of good and competent teachers. To afford some inducement, however, to teachers to prepare themselves for the duties of their profession, and some assurance of the public appreciation of the difficult, responsible and delicate work they perform, it is suggested they should receive increased compensation.

Dissatisfaction exists also and complaint is made about the frequent changes of school books, entailing expense upon parents, and subjecting pupils to novel and perplexing methods of acquiring lessons that mystify more than they instruct.

There seems to be an urgent demand for more training of a technical kind, that will fit children for mechanical pursuits and the practical duties of life. I suggest, therefore, that school boards be authorized to make provision for giving instruction in industrial and mechanical drawing, both in day and evening schools; also that schools be established, where in trades may be taught, or arrangments made for such instruction in connection with schools already established, so that skilled mechanics can be graduated, and the principle inculcated that there is nothing degrading in an honest and hard labor, and that the handiwork of the skillful artisan will confer in the future as noble a title as any to be achieved in professional callings.

More thorough examination of the subject strengthens me in the conviction that the State must adopt some mode to compel the attendance of those children whose parents are unwilling or unable to allow their offspring to avail themselves of the benefits our school system affords. The solution of this important question presents grave difficulties, but I expect to see them all surmounted. Some plan must be devised to snatch these children from the career of idleness and crime to which ignorance will consign them. By far the greater portion of the inmates of our penitentiaries never attended schools, or had the advantages of education. Is modern civilization unequal to the task of rescuing the children of the indigent and the criminal from such a fate?

The views expressed in the report of the Superintendent of Common Schools upon this very point, embrace, in my opinion, a feasible plan to secure the attendance at school of every child in the State, and I earnestly solicit your consideration of that part of his report, with the additional suggestion, that when these poor or vagrant children are gathered into schools or homes, that the industrial plan be engrafted upon the conduct of these institutions, so that those taught may also acquire useful trades. Observation shows that a man thoroughly acquainted with a trade is secure against many of the temptations that open the doors of the prison to great numbers whose hands are unskilled and who are unused to any steady or exacting labor. In the able and comprehensive report of the Inspectors of the Eastern Penitentiary for 1872, among other details of value is found this significant statement: that of the 240 convicts committed to the prison during the year 1871, 90 per cent. had never been apprenticed, and 56 per cent. had never attended school. These figures are eloquently and painfully suggestive of the relations indolence and ignorance bear to crime.

Soldiers' Orphans.

No act of the State ever secured her more honor than that which pledged her people to the care and education of the orphans of the soldiers who fell in her service, and no part of her policy has reflected so much credit upon her people as the fidelity with which they have been redeeming that promise. The generosity which former Legislatures have displayed in providing for the maintenance and instruction of these orphans will now, I am persuaded, bespeak for them like consideration and favor. I feel constrained also to renew my proposition that some measure should be taken to furnish these children with trades.

Board of Public Charities.

During the past year the gentlemen composing the Board of Public Charities have fulfilled the important trust committed to their care with their wonted fidelity and zeal. The results of their labors clearly demonstrate that true philanthropy, well guarded and directed, can be of great practical service to the State.

The numbers of the criminal, pauper, insane and other defective classes that are in some degree dependent on public support, must always be large, and the problem of caring for these individuals in a way to decrease their numbers, and so add to the productive force of the community, is one which addresses itself with great force to the attention of the Legislature.

Prisons.

In the light of the reports of the Board of Public Charities and Prison Inspectors, and of my own investigation, I am firmly of the belief that the system of commutation whereby the term of a prisoner is shortened by reason of his good conduct, has been productive of reformatory results. By examination, also, I am possessed of this other conviction, that for the purpose of awakening the self respect of a prisoner, and to provide him with some inducement to good behavior and industrious habits, every inmate of a prison should be instructed in a trade. When competent to do the work belonging to his particular trade the convict should then receive while in prison as compensation for his labor, a portion of his earnings, to be given to his family if necessitous, or if he has no family, to be reserved for his own use when released. Accustomed in this way to toil for those dependent upon his support, the prisoner, when liberated, will be apt to carry into life the skill and habits of industry thus acquired, and make of himself a useful citizen. Society is as much interested in the reformation as in the punishment of the criminal, and experience shows that teaching him a trade contributes to that end.

Insane Hospitals.

The hospitals for the insane, under the control of the State, are steadily accomplishing the beneficent work for which they are intended. The hospital at Harrisburg has been full during the whole year, and at the time of the last report the inmates were considerably in excess of the number that can be properly cared for in the institution. The building will have to undergo a series of repairs and improvements to make it a safe and comfortable home for those placed there for treatment.

The hospital at Danville has been in operation about a year, and at the latest report had 160 patients, and at the rate at which patients have been admitted, will have more than its complement before another year has elapsed. It is desirable that the additional wings to this hospital should be pushed forward to completion at the earliest possible day to provide for those greatly in need of accommodation.

To insure the delicate and special treatment required for the insane, too much care cannot be exercised to prevent these hospitals from becoming crowded.

The commissioners appointed under the act approved August 18, 1873, to select a site and build a hospital for the insane of the ten northwestern counties of the State, fixed upon a property at Warren as the most eligible for the purpose, and the choice has been approved. This property contains 330 acres of land, 300 acres of which are arable land, and cost $33,000. The numbers of the insane in the northwestern section of the State, who imperatively require the accommodations to be afforded at this hospital, admonish us of the necessity for the immediate construction of the buildings.

The Criminal Insane.

The suggestions of the committee of the Medical Society of Pennsylvania, appointed to prepare a memorial to the Legislature in reference to the proper care and treatment of insane criminals, which will be submitted to you, merit your respectful consideration. The hardship and injustice of associating the criminal and the insane with those sent to hospitals for medical and moral treatment must occur to every rational mind. The restraints necessary to secure the few criminal insane in every hospital bear with like rigor upon all the occupants, to many of whom the unusual confinement is peculiarly hurtful, while it is obvious that if the ordinary discipline is observed this criminal class are liable to escape and renew their depredations upon society. Nor do the intimate relations that must exist between the innocent and the criminal insane when confined together improve the morals of the former, while some sensitive minds among these poor unfortunates feel degraded by enforced contact with those who have been expelled from society for their crimes, and are yet, so far as it lies in our ability, start the State forward upon her future career, clothed with ample powers to extend her enterprise and fulfill her great destiny.

State Banks, Savings Funds, Trust Companies.

I still adhere to the principles laid down in the Mifflinburg and Wood's Run vetoes of last session. Recent events have demonstrated the necessity of fixing proper limitations to the powers conferred on these moneyed corporations, and have afforded a practical illustration of the wisdom of rigidly restraining them within the sphere legitimate by the peoples dictation, by belonging to such institutions. When a bank of discount is permitted to become also a savings fund, a trust company, an insurance company, to buy and sell real estate, and to have the rights and privileges of a building association, it is difficult to determine what are its legitimate functions, or what security a community has for the safety of its deposits. It has always entertained serious doubts as to the propriety of banks of discount paying interest on deposits, and am now convinced that this pernicious practice should be prohibited. Money will always flow to banks paying interest on deposits, and the large surplus thus aggregated, enhanced by attractive offers is sent to the great money centres where it gives more impulse to speculation, while the sections from which it is drawn suffer in all their enterprises from the higher rates they are compelled to pay for the use of remaining at home. This system of purchasing deposits was confessedly one of the principal causes of the financial crisis of 1857, and of this year. When large deposits on call, and have their loans on time, in the event of any great stringency in the money market, disaster is almost inevitable.

Within a few years many State banks have been chartered, with the captivating names of savings banks, designed to attract deposits. These banks and savings funds are entirely distinct in organization and purpose, and should never be associated in their management. The one is a bank of discount, intended to supply the wants of business, the other is simply a repository for people's money, limited to small amounts to each individual, the aggregate of the amounts thus received to be invested in mortgages on unincumbered property worth double the amount of the mortgage, and in secure public stocks, in safe proportions. A bank is conducted with the avowed object of benefit to its stockholders; a savings fund is presumed to be managed entirely in the interest of the depositors among the laboring classes, or those of limited means and business qualifications, and the essential requisites of which are such prudence and safety in the disposition of the funds as will best enhance their value for the benefit of these classes of depositors. Men in charge of savings funds should have no personal ends to serve; should be above temptation, and receive their highest reward in the good accomplished by inducing a saving habit, which, once fixed, leads to prosperity.

The objects of trust companies should be equally specific and well defined. Some of these companies are invested with very extensive powers, are the depositories of immense sums of money, and charged with the keeping and management of vast and important trusts. They should be the duty of the State to see that their affairs are administered with fidelity, not only to the individuals who confide in their management, but to the public who are interested in the security and stability of these companies as barriers to wild speculation and its consequent financial panics.

Allow me to suggest, therefore, that all State banks, savings funds and trust companies be made subject to the examination of a committee appointed by proper authority; that these institutions be required to publish quarterly statements, under oath, of the amount of their assets and liabilities and the names of their officers; that by a general law their stockholders be made personally liable for double the amount of stock held by them; and that they be compelled to have constantly in their vaults a cash reserve of ten per cent. of their net liabilities. These examinations, reports and restrictions cannot be hurtful to institutions of established credit and high character, while they will disclose the unsoundness or mismanagement of those that ought not to exist.

Insurance.

The Department, established by an act approved April 4, 1873, for the supervision of the insurance interests of the State, went into operation on the first Monday of May last. By the terms of this act the Department is self sustaining, and in no way a burden upon the public Treasury.

While Pennsylvania can boast of some strong and substantial insurance companies, it must be acknowledged that the want of system in the organization and management of these corporations, and the reckless manner in which the Legislature has granted special charters, together with the entire absence of restraining supervision, have introduced defects that cannot be too soon remedied. The capital with which fire insurance companies have been permitted to begin, and continue business, is in most cases entirely inadequate, and immediate steps should be taken to place insurance in this State upon a firm and enduring foundation. To this end, I recommend the enactment of a law providing for the organization and regulation of insurance companies, both fire and life, which shall require a certain amount of capital as a prerequisite to commence business, and designate the kind of investments to be made. It may also be advisable to compel companies already organized to have, within a reasonable time, the entire amount of their nominal capital actually paid in and invested in good securities. Fire insurance, excepting that conducted within a limited sphere upon the purely mutual plan, requires capital, and this capital should be actual and not in the illusory form of stock notes. Taking into consideration the enormous sums paid annually by the citizens of this State in the shape of premiums to insurance companies, they have a right to demand the largest measure of protection against recklessness and fraud.

Fish Commission.

The operations of the Fish Commissioners have excited a lively interest among our people, on account of the novelty of the enterprise and the benefits to arise from the successful prosecution of their labors.

Fish culture, it is now conceded, has passed beyond the realms of experiment, and its success in the future is only to be measured by the wants of our people and the capacity of the streams, rivers and lakes of the country.

Pennsylvania is singularly blessed in the superior advantages she possesses for the cultivation of fish. Abounding in waters admirably adapted to their needs, in the insect and other food they supply, there is no reasonable obstacle to stocking our rivers and streams with innumerable and delicious fish of various and even rare kinds.

The duty assigned to the commission has been diligently pursued and promises substantial results. Availing themselves of the use of Mr. Seth Green's patent, the Commissioners succeeded in hatching, at Newport, Perry county, where the water is peculiarly fitted for the purpose, about 2,700,000 shad, which were turned into the Juniata river at that point. Two thousand six hundred black bass were also distributed in the Susquehanna, Lehigh and Juniata rivers during the months of July and August, and through the kindness of Prof. Spencer F. Baird, United States Fish Commissioner, 27,000 California salmon have been planted in the Susquehanna and its tributaries. The bass are not migratory fish and are very prolific. Over three hundred were planted in the Susquehanna, near Harrisburg, in 1870, and the rapidity with which they multiply is manifest in the great numbers of this beautiful and choice fish that now are found in the river in that vicinity.

The act of 1873 authorizing the Fish Commission directed that four fish-ways should be constructed at different dams on the Susquehanna and Juniata rivers, so as to enable shad, on their spring incursions from the sea, to make their way to these streams. The question whether shad will ascend an artificial way is still, however, a mooted one, and encountering this doubt, the Commission, in the exercise of what it has deemed a sound discretion, concluded to erect but one fish-way, and that at the Columbia dam. This way is 120 feet long by 60 feet wide, is very gradual in the incline, and made as nearly conformable as possible to natural ways over which shad do undoubtedly pass, and will afford a practical test of this experiment. If in the spring it is found shad do pass up this fish way, the ordinary required by law will be constructed without delay.

The hatching house erected by the Commissioners, near Marietta, and supplied with water from an inexhaustible spring, is said by those familiar with the subject to be complete in its arrangements and furnished with all the necessary appliances for the propagation of fish. The capacity of the house is equal to the proper care of 700,000 young fish, and is susceptible of enlargement, if required. The Fish Commissioners of New Jersey recently had a conference with those of Pennsylvania, with a view to obtain from their respective States such concurrent legislation as will test promote the shad and other fisheries in the Delaware river, and to so harmonize the laws of the two States as to prevent a conflict of authority. Any suggestions resulting from this conference, and submitted for your action, will, I trust, be respectfully considered.

Bureau of Statistics.

The report of the Commissioner of Labor and Statistics for the current year, embracing many interesting details, and of great importance to the organization of this Bureau within a very limited period has, of course, precluded it from making any extensive investigations, but enough has been done to demonstrate the necessity for such a department and the service it can render the people by enlarging continuously the knowledge of our resources, trade, internal improvements, and the various processes of education and enlightenment in our midst.

This bureau was created with the special object of investigating the relations of labor and capital, to discover the cause of the frequent conflicts between employers and employed; to determine what share labor has in the progress and prosperity of the State; to examine with a view to its proper adjustment the question of wages, and to compare and collect facts that would afford a better understanding of the duty of the State to the laboring classes having in view their protection, amelioration and happiness.

No more worthy object invites research or should command public support, when we consider how many facts are there classed with Commonwealth, how various are the fields for their labor, and how much they have contributed to develope and build up our present grand industries.

In this connection, the propriety of a State census, such as taken in 1875, presents itself with great force. It is of the utmost importance that in 1876, the Centennial year, we should have the most reliable and recent information possible of the extent of our population and products, and of the condition of labor, capital and the various industrial interests, that we may acquaint the world with all our capabilities and needs, and thus prepare the way for the expansion of our trade and commerce.

National Guard.

The wisdom of the new militia law is already apparent in the increased efficiency of the several commands, and the enthusiastic spirit aroused among the troops. Rigid inspections have been conducted by the Adjutant General, and the commissioned officers of the regiments of the law have been promptly disbanded. Still more encouraging and satisfactory results may be expected from the operation of the new system during the ensuing year, and I invoke for the National Guard of the State the fostering care and protection of the Legislature, that it may deserve the confidence and support the public are now willing to extend, and be worthy of the great State whose safety and honor in the future often may depend upon the character and valor of her citizen soldiery.

State Arsenal.

The State having purchased the properties adjoining the Capitol grounds, with a view to their extension, I recommend the removal of the arsenal, situate thereon, and that an appropriation be made to purchase a site and erect an arsenal in some eligible locality. The service requires a building of this kind, and the cost of the repair of the present arsenal would probably be equal to the expense of erecting a new one, while the beauty and symmetry of the public park will be enhanced by the removal of all buildings from that portion of the grounds.

Powder Magazine.

Your attention is particularly directed to that part of the report of the Adjutant General which refers to the sale of the old and purchase of a new site for a powder magazine in the city of Philadelphia, with a suggestion that the new site be sold, on account of its unfitness for the special uses designed, and the additional reason that to build a new magazine would subject the State to an expense of at least $25,000. The particulars touching powder, under any proper restrictions imposed by the city authorities of Philadelphia, will doubtless gladly avail themselves of the privilege to erect store houses or magazines of their own, and the State will thus be relieved of a charge which may hereafter be the cause of the destruction of property and a consequent claim for damages.

Land Department.

The report of the Surveyor General gives a detailed and very satisfactory exhibit of the business and condition of his Department. Attention is called to the valuable suggestions made in reference to granting warrants to surveys in cheistering our politics and invading every avenue of Government, respect abroad and confidence at home are giving strength and stability to our institutions, while the future seems fraught with opportunities of usefulness and glory for our Republic. To have a share in shaping the destinies of such a nation is surely no inconsiderable honor, and we who are charged with the control of one of the members of this grand confederacy should apply ourselves to our several employments with a becoming sense of the dignity and magnitude of the trust, and a firm reliance on Him who directs all our ends.

JOHN F. HARTRANFT.

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,
Harrisburg, Pa., January 7, 1874.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

—A heavy snow storm prevailed throughout Texas on Monday.

—Maryland organized a State Grange at Baltimore on Tuesday.

—The health of the Emperor of Germany continues to improve.

—The Ohio Constitutional Convention resumed its sessions on Tuesday.

—For the third time this winter the Hudson is again open from Poughkeepsie to Albany.

—The New Jersey State Grange met in Camden on Monday, when all parts of the State were represented.

—The Trustees of the Cincinnati & Southern Railway have reported for the last year $125,000 receipts, including a balance, and $77,000 disbursements, leaving a balance of $52,000 on hand.

—An unsuccessful attempt was made last Tuesday night to rob the Abbington (Mass.) National Bank. Masked men bound and gagged the watchman, but he managed to give the alarm, and the men escaped.

—The Commissioner of Internal Revenue has written to the Secretary of the Treasury, asking that the Board of Civil Service Examiners for the Treasury be directed to hold the usual examination at once to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of First Deputy Sweet.

THE Phœnix Iron Company is engaged in erecting an iron bridge to span French Creek, above Phœnixville. The bridge is intended for a railroad to run between their new and old mills.

SECOND EDITION.

Four O'Clock.

THE STATE CAPITAL.

Presentation of the Annual Message of Governor Hartranft.

The Interesting Question Concerning the First Legislature.

Pittsburgh's New City Charter Finally Disposed of.

Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Gazette.

HARRISBURG, PA., January 7 1874.

The Governor's Message.

The chief feature of interest in the morning was the reading of the Governor's message. Both Houses were engaged with this business all the morning, and there was more attention paid to the reading of the document than to any other of which I have knowledge. Especially were all references, either direct or indirect, to the new Constitution or to prospective reforms, received with satisfaction, and, as a whole, the Message seems to have given general satisfaction. It has been very fully discussed on the streets this afternoon, and everywhere I find it received with favor.

The New Constitution Proclaimed.

After the Message had been disposed of, the new Constitution claimed attention, and when the Houses met in joint session at half past twelve to count the vote, there was a large attendance of visitors. The joint session was presided over by Speaker Strang, Mr. G. H. Anderson, of Allegheny, acting as Teller on the part of the Senate, and Mr. Myers on the part of the House. The vote was counted and announced in due form, and immediately thereafter Governor Hartranft issued the proclamation, making public announcement of the ratification of the new instrument.

SENATE.

The Senate met at eleven o'clock. The first thing disposed of was the Governor's message, which occupied the greater part of the morning.

After the message had been read the returns of the vote on State Treasurer and the new Constitution were received, and a resolution afterwards passed, the session in joint session to count the vote on the latter, and have it duly certified.

Legislative Sessions.

Mr. DAVIS offered a resolution holding in substance that the intent of the new Constitution with reference to the first Legislature to be elected under its provisions, was that the body should meet in 1875—the members of the House to be chosen at the regular time for election in 1874.

No decisive action was taken on the resolution it being laid over.

McClure's Election Law.

The bill of Mr. MCCLURE in reference to elections in February was reported from committee and read the first time, after which it went over under the law.

Senate went into Joint Session at half past twelve.

HOUSE.

The House met at the usual hour and after the opening preliminaries,

Mr. NEWMYER offered the following:

Resolved, By the Senate and House of Representatives, That it is the true intention and meaning of the new Constitution that the first session of the General Assembly elected under its provisions begins on the first Tuesday of January, 1875, and the members of the House of Representatives therefore, shall be elected at the general election of 1874.

On motion of Mr. WEBB, who said he believed the view taken was the correct one, the resolution was laid over and ordered to be printed.

The House then listened to the Governor's message, and after it was read the House went into the joint session.

Pittsburgh's New Charter.

At last that Charter for Pittsburgh has been disposed of—so far as the Governor is concerned, for he affixed his signature to it this morning. The Charter was examined by Attorney General Dimmick, who expressed an opinion that in some parts it was not in accordance with the new Constitution, but that he thought none of the defects were so serious but that the Charter could be harmonized with the new order of things by the courts. Under this view, and yielding to the wishes of that class of the people to have the Charter, the Governor signed it. The friends of the measure, who have been here looking after it the past few days, are quite satisfied with the result of their labors. I understood that some of them started for Pittsburgh last night with the certified copy of the document, but I did not see them.

Vetoes! Vetoes!

Governor Hartranft has commenced upon the old plan again. To-day he sent in a number of vetoes of bills of minor importance. The Governor is evidently determined to keep on the old path.

The House "Positions."

Allegheny secures three of the "positions" in the House. The successful candidates are Messrs. Wm. Moore, W. W. Hastings and Jas. Larimer.

Personal.

Senator GRAHAM will introduce to-morrow an act relative to payment of costs in cases of appeal from reports of viewers for roads, and an act to enable railroads and canal companies to accept the Seventeenth article of the new Constitution.

Representative YOUNG, of Allegheny, has been confined to his room since the opening of the session, but is better to-day. B.

WEATHER REPORT.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER,
WASHINGTON, D. C., 8 P. M., Jan. 7, 1874.

Probabilities for To-Day.

For New England, less pressure, with increasing winds and continued stormy weather, the temperature falling during Thursday.

For the Middle States, cloudy weather and rain, with fresh to brisk southeasterly and southwesterly winds, followed by lower temperature and winds gradually veering to northwesterly.

For the South Atlantic States, slightly rising temperature, light to fresh southwesterly and northwesterly winds, and clear or clearing weather during Thursday.

For the Gulf States, partly cloudy or clear weather, with rising temperature and light variable winds.

For Tennessee and the Ohio valley, light snow and rain, followed by rising temperature, less cloudiness and light to fresh northwesterly to southwesterly winds.

The Rivers

in Pennsylvania, Virginia and Central New York will rise rapidly during Wednesday night and Thursday.

Cautionary Signals

continue at Cape Henry, Norfolk, Baltimore, Cape May, Seaville, Peak's Beach, Atlantic City, Long Branch, New York, New Haven, New London, Wood's Hole, Boston, Portland and Eastport.

LEGISLATURES.

Massachusetts.

BOSTON, January 7.—The Legislature convened to-day. The old officers were re-elected.

Maine.

AUGUSTA, ME., January 7.—The Legislature met to-day. John E. Butler was elected President of the Senate, and Wm. W. Thomas, Jr., Speaker of the House.

☞For Latest Telegraphic Dispatches see Fourth Page.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

STATEMENT OF THE

Masonic Deposits Savings Bank,

OF PITTSBURGH.

At close of business, December 31, 1873.

ASSETS.

Bills Receivable, Mortgages	$427,306 01	
City Bonds	13,900 00	
Real Estate and Banking House		$436,206 01
Current Expenses		50,000 00
Taxes paid		3,092 31
Cash on Land	$84,532 78	2,277 53
Due from Banks and Bankers	20,317 77	
		104,849 52
		$598,315 07

LIABILITIES.

Capital Stock	$200,000 00
Due Depositors, viz.:	
Interest Accounts Requiring notice	$189,580 00
Certificates payable when due	67,902 00
Deposits subject to check	132,603 31
Due Banks and Bankers	22,209 53
Unpaid Dividends	630 00
	363,603 80
Contingent Fund and Interest	34,912 17
	$598,315 07

I hereby certify that the above statement is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

GEO. C. MCLEAN, Cashier.

PITTSBURGH, January 3, 1874.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 1874.

BONDS at Frankfort 97½.

PETROLEUM at Antwerp 29½f.

GOLD closed in New York yesterday at 111¼.

GOVERNOR HARTRANFT signed the new charter for this city yesterday.

WE tender our acknowledgments to Allegheny Councils for their continued confidence.

THE practical effect of the vote in the Senate on several bills and resolutions offered, is to gauge all legislation by the new Constitution.

THE *Public Ledger Almanac* for 1874, like its predecessors, is a handy book of useful current information for every day reference, and is furnished to every subscriber of the *Ledger* free of cost.

ATTORNEY GENERAL DIMMICK denies that he has decided in favor of the plan for electing a United States Senator, in place of Hon. John Scott, during the present session of the Legislature.

THE REPLY of Elliott to Alexander H. Stephens, in Congress, is regarded as a triumph for the colored legislator. In grace of manner, strength of argument, and mildness of spirit, he was superior to the Georgia statesman—and illustrates the wisdom of enfranchisement for the colored race.

AT the Republican caucus, the fact was developed that, the opinion is general among our members that the Legislature of 1875 will be the first under the new Constitution. Mr. Newmyer, of this county, offered a joint resolution in the House to this effect, which, though laid over to be printed, will probably pass.

OUR special dispatches from Washington make the announcement that Attorney General Williams has asked that his nomination to the Chief Justiceship be withdrawn, and it is stated the President will comply with the request. This is probably the most sensible thing Mr. Williams could have done, under the circumstances.

WE published, a few days since, a brief statement, from another paper, which effectually cleared the question of Mr. Lincoln's religious belief. We notice, however, that even yet there are those who imagine the subject needs farther solving, to the extent of several columns in a newspaper. Better seek notoriety in some other way.

THE New York *Times* publishes a long account of the wanderings of Woodward, one of the Ring thieves, closing by stating that he was in Spain when Tweed was convicted, and that overtures were made to him by the authorities to return and give evidence, in return for freedom for himself, and that he had accepted and was in New York. The latter part of the report is now denied by the authorities.

THE effect of the Spanish revolution will be to seriously embarrass any negotiations that may have been in contemplation, because of the "Virginius" affair. The overthrow of the Castellar Government is chiefly credited to its friendliness to the United States; of course its successor in power will not be likely to imperil its future by intermixing in the same description of sympathy. More than this, Senano will doubtless restore the monarchy as soon as possible, and thus organize hostility to freedom in Cuba.

THE event of the legislative session, yesterday, was the joint meeting of the two Houses, to count the vote on the new Constitution. The returns were received from Secretary Quay, and properly counted. The proclamation of Governor Hartranft, which will immediately follow, consummates the preliminaries necessary to put the new organic law in force. Attending this,—a bill has been introduced in the Senate to give effect to the Constitution as regards municipal elections. There is now every probability that a law will be enacted, under which the municipal elections will be held in February.

THE Chicago *Tribune* thinks that Castellar should come over to this country. He is about the only man, so far as we can learn, in all Spain, who has a fair appreciation of Republican principles, and, therefore, there is no hope for him where he is. Castellar is a man of great ability, wide learning, brilliant oratory, and unquestioned devotion to justice and freedom. There is a large demand for just such men in this country at the present time, and by the time he could acquire citizenship and accustom himself to the ways of the New World, the people would be in a mood to appreciate him. "There is little use in a man's throwing away a life, that might be so useful elsewhere, upon a people who cannot understand his high aims and noble purposes. He can do the cause of Republicanism great service in this country, where it needs the support and counsels of such as he, while he can do nothing for it among a people who do not comprehend it or need it. Castellar and the United States would be mutually benefitted by the change, and Spain would never learn to know what she has lost." And he will be equally unappreciated in France as he is in Spain.

THE NEW CONSTITUTION PROCLAIMED.

The action of the Legislature, and the promptitude of Governor Hartranft in making public proclamation of the ratification of the new Constitution, is a healthy indication that the temper of our legislators at the State Capital is in accord with the feeling of the people with reference to the matter—or at least that they deemed it wise to place themselves, without equivocation or delay, upon the record in sympathy with the desires of the people, so emphatically expressed by that unparalleled majority of 145,150. This ready acquiescence with their wishes will be eminently satisfactory to the people, and will give our present Legislature, at the outstart, a higher place in public confidence throughout the State than has been accorded to any of its predecessors in many years. If the hopeful augury thus given, of a genuine feeling for reform, be realized in subsequent acts, the Legislature of 1874 will have a record that will make it memorable in the history of our State. And there is now no reason why the good work thus commenced shall not go interruptedly on until the evils of which so much complaint has been made in the past shall have been swept away. The way is now clear, and our Legislators need have no fear of passing beyond the expectations or wishes of their constituents.

THE VIENNA COMMISSIONERS.

We have before us the brief report of the Commissioners sent by the State to Vienna, last year, to observe the workings of the Exposition there, for the benefit of the great Centennial Exposition two years hence. In lieu of publishing the document, we make an editorial synopsis of its contents. The display of Pennsylvania products proved to be extremely meagre, there being few specimens even of our raw materials of wealth. As a financial speculation, the Vienna Exposition was a failure, but in every other respect it was a success. A hint to us is found in the fact, that the days the admission was put at twenty five cents, there were a hundred thousand visitors present; on other days, less than twenty thousand. Cheap excursion trains swelled the attendance, but we need have no fear on this subject. The sale of privileges to sell articles of all kinds was carried to excess, and interfered with the comfort of those present. These sales grew out of the effort to make a financial success of the affair.

The indirect financial advantages of the Exposition to Vienna were incalculable. It mitigated the severity of the financial panic which had commenced there; it brought the inhabitants of the Austrian Empire in peaceful contact with other nations, and enable them to not merely witness, but to avail themselves of the great improvements which increase the progress, comforts and luxuries of the race. It also served to impress on the vast concourse of strangers gathered at Vienna, a better idea of the strength and resources of the great Austrian Empire, and served to strengthen the bond of brotherhood among the nations.

Turning to our forthcoming Centennial Anniversary, the Commissioners attach to it large importance, in its influence on the social condition of the race. The place and time for our exhibition have been fixed, but the work of preparation needs to be urged forward. Austria began her preparations in 1867, and even with the unstinted aid of the Imperial treasury, failed to be ready when the opening day came. The Commissioners think that if Congress and our State Legislature shall appropriate sufficient means to permit the work of constructing buildings to go uninterruptedly forward, we can be ready in time. To this end they recommend the appropriation of $1,000,000 from the State Treasury, and our Senators and Representatives in Congress be called upon to urge the general Government to extend aid commensurate with the importance of the enterprise. The street car tax, from which about $800,000 was expected, has been declared unconstitutional, and cannot be availed of. Hence the recommendation for aid from the State Treasury. As the Commissioners justly mention, this aid will not be lost, but will be put in permanent buildings to be owned by the State, and used as a place for exhibitions in future years.

Senators Graham; Rutan, and Davis, have evidently given careful consideration to the subject committed to them, and their recommendations should have weight. This State will be largely benefited by the exhibition, and should be liberal toward it. The general Government is committed to it, and should extend aid. This done, and success is certain.

THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

This document, which was transmitted to the Legislature yesterday, and is given elsewhere in full, is a clearly written and excellent message. It deals with facts and indulges but little in theory. But every subject treated is clearly stated, and his judgment stated in a manner which shows that thorough and intelligent consideration has been given, and the conclusion reached sound and reliable. This is a rare gift. There are those who must wearily plod through a long and interminable process of reasoning to state results, which, in the message before us, are given in a manner that carry conviction, and suggest the line of inquiry and reasoning followed, without elaborately stating them. Yet what is expressed is done fluently, with an apparent ease, and with a choice of expression that clearly indicates the ability to present a more pretentious document were it considered necessary. But it is not; the day for long and elaborate reasoning on some abstract question of government has gone by, and executive documents are expected to clearly state facts, suggestions and conclusions. This the Governor's message does.

The message opens with an allusion to the financial panic, and its effect on the poor, and the suggestion that whatever legislation shall be necessary to give relief should receive the first attention of the Legislature. Our State finances are in a favorable condition—$1,504,672.70 having been paid on the public debt during the year. The debt, at the close of the fiscal year, less cash in the Treasury, and bonds in the sinking fund, was $14,773,-670.70. A loss of revenue, equal to $1,500,-000, is anticipated during the present and next year, but the Governor is of the opinion that if rigid economy is exercised, there will be no need of increased taxation, but the expenses of the State can be met, and a balance left to reduce the State debt. He thinks, however, a revision of our tax laws necessary in order that they may be made more uniform. Legislation is also asked to regulate certain irregularities in the use of the State revenues, an undue proportion now going into the sinking fund.

The centennial is adverted to, and its importance dwelt upon. The necessity of the State availing itself of the opportunity to properly exhibit its vast resources is strongly urged. The facts attending the development of a new Constitution are briefly and succinctly stated, and the importance of its prompt proclamation urged upon the attention of the Legislature. Following this are some statements of so practical a nature that we quote them for the special reading of all who are possessed of the right to vote:

> The world's history from the earliest ages has shown that no code of laws, however comprehensive or restrictive, will evade man's ingenuity if bent upon overstepping their bounds, and wise and necessary as the provisions of the new Constitution may be they will never secure the ends designed unless sustained by a strong, active, healthful and intelligent sentiment that will interest itself in public affairs. It will not suffice to enact that integrity and fitness are essential qualifications for office, unless the people see to it that none without these qualifications are selected. It is the indifference and inattention of electors to their primary political duties, connected with nominations and elections, that despoil the law of its sanctity, and afford security to those who willfully disobey its requirements. Men do not fulfill the obligations of citizenship by merely enjoying the protection our institutions afford. To perform his whole duty to the State every citizen should actively engage in political concerns when the recurring elections invoke his attention and interference. In our system of government every man entitled to vote is invested with a grave public trust, and if, through indifference and neglect, he fails to discharge the sacred duties it imposes, he is almost as guilty as the other who deliberately violates the law. With this new departure in our organic law, let there also be an accompanying resolution on the part of all good citizens that they will attend diligently and conscientiously to the selection of men for office whose dignity of character and intellect will be an adequate guaranty that the new Constitution will be safe in their keeping.

Another item of sound advice, based on a very correct generalization, is as follows:

> "All special enactments are not necessarily bad laws, while it may be equally accepted as true that all general enactments are not good laws. I enjoin upon the people of the whole State increased vigilance in their watch over all legislation." We regret that the Governor should have so far fallen under the influence of the State School Superintendent as to adopt his views relative to compulsory education. We have given this subject attention, and are well satisfied that thoroughly trained teachers, and attractive schools, will meet the necessity for enlarged attendance. A startling fact in this direction comes out in the message. It is, that of 15,000 teachers, "only 374 were found to have a *thorough* knowledge of reading, writing, arithmetic, geography and grammar, and that practical preparation for their profession which insures success." Is it strange, with such facts before us, that the children are slow to attend the schools? Trades for the children of soldiers' orphans under the care of the State are wisely recommended. The system of commutation of punishment for good behavior as a part of our prison rules is favored.

The Governor reasserts his views of last Winter in regard to banks, and suggests, as an additional precaution to secure the people who trust moneys to State banks, savings funds and trust companies, that these be made subject to the examination of a committee appointed by proper authority, and required to publish quarterly statements, under oath, of the amount of their assets and liabilities and the names of their officers; that by a general law their stockholders be made personally liable for double the amount of stock held by them; and that they be compelled to have constantly in their vaults a cash reserve of ten per cent. of their net liabilities. A more rigid supervision of insurance companies, fire and life, is recommended.

The Bureau of Statistics is represented as growing in value and interest. Among its excellent qualities is that of ascertaining reliable data as to the relations of capital and labor. Aside from the merely routine reference is one suggesting that a law be passed to prevent debtor's signing away their exemption interest, under the laws of the State. We strongly suggest that such a law be passed. The closing references to our illustrious dead, and to the duty of the Government to provide for the welfare and dignity of the people, are in excellent taste, and fitly close a message which, in spirit, phraseology and suggestiveness, may be classed as among the best we have had.

VALLEY FORGE.

Its Appearance at the Present Time—Revolutionary Reminiscences.

The conformation of the ground presents the same appearance at Valley Forge to-day as it did in 1778, except that the woods, which were all cut down for building the huts and making fires, have grown again on the summit of the hills where the breastworks were thrown up. These breastworks still remain, beginning on the high bluff jutting out on the Schuylkill, and following the spur of hills to where they meet the Valley Creek. But in several places the old earthworks are very indistinct and hard to find. The most interesting object about the camp ground, and the one most accessible to the tourist, is the old stone house of Isaac Potts, occupied by Washington as his headquarters. This ancient mansion has been in the possession of the family of James Jones for upwards of half a century. Nathan Jones and his sister, Mrs. Ogden, are the present occupants. The writer was shown a very correct map of the encampment, drawn by the late Caleb Jones, who took a special interest in the antiquities and history of the place.

Washington's room is preserved in precisely the same condition in which he kept it. In one of the deep window seats is discovered a secret depository, which he used for his private papers. Several old cannon balls were rolled out on the floor by the young lady who showed us the room, with the explanation that they were only samples of many more which had been ploughed up in the fields. Photographs of the house can be purchased there, at a small price, and a book is provided to register the names of visitors. Although Mr. Jones's family is a private one, and they are under no obligations to admit visitors, yet they take pleasure in showing persons the room where the father of his country passed such a trying ordeal.

From Washington's headquarters the ground gradually rises toward the south, and by gentle swells spreads out for over a mile, forming the camping-grounds where the log-barracks were erected. Surrounding these rolling meadows, on the southwest, are high bluffs, upon which was posted the main portion of the army.

Some of the views from the heights are remarkably fine. One could profitably spend a whole day there, wandering over the hills and through the woods. The principal wagon-road running through the valley is the Norristown road, which strikes out on the left from the village street and continues down the old camp-ground toward Port Kennedy. This road passes through an old redoubt, now overgrown with thick underbrush. The river side of Valley Forge is covered by a high, steep bluff, extending from the railroad station, near Washington's headquarters, to the promontory at the south-eastern limit of the camp grounds. Into this bluff, high above the river, the railroad has cut a passage. One can readily see, by a glance at the steep bank, that this side of the encampment could have been successfully defended under ordinary circumstances, from any attack. Pickets posted along the bank could easily discern the approach of the enemy from their high position.

The little village of Valley Forge is just what it was fifty years ago. A few mills give employment to such of the inhabitants as are not engaged in farming. Everything about the place has an air of antiquity. The woods are delightfully shady and airy, and of late years have become a popular resort for picnic parties.

A great many very wonderful and blood-curdling traditions have been repeated for years in the neighborhood, and handed down from grandmothers to grandchildren, and from sire to son, of headless soldiers who are seen walking about in the woods at night, and of mysterious cannon balls which are heard rolling, in the dusk, over the floors of the old houses in the valley; but no genuine traditions can be gathered from any of the present inhabitants. The real history of the place, however, is exciting enough to compensate for the absence of vague and fabulous stories

FOREIGN NOTES.

LONDON having had a succession of dense fogs, and having by no means enjoyed them, is seeking some possible remedy which will at least mitigate the evil. The *Times* believes that if the problem of making chimneys and furnaces consume their own smoke was solved, the worst feature of these fogs—their opacity—would be obviated.

A SINGULAR ceremony lately took place at Arqua, in North Italy, where Petrarch lies buried. On the 7th of September the tomb of the poet was opened in the presence of the municipal officers of the town and a few invited spectators. It appears that the remains had been enclosed in an imperfectly-made coffin, and the bones thus exposed to the effects of the atmosphere were discolored and moist. The skull, of medium size, was entire, the development of the forehead being yet perceptible. Several of the teeth were well preserved, and the bones of the body were but little decayed. From the size of the skeleton it was easy to infer that Patrarch must have been a large, robust man.

THE latest accounts of the threatened Indian famine estimate the probable number of starving people to be fed from Government stores at three millions. As has been shown, the sustenance of this multitude for nine months would require about half a million tons of rice. The Government has only 49,000 tons on hand, so that to meet even its own estimate of the probable demand upon its resources, it will have to display extraordinary activity. While the Indian officials are applying for a credit of $2,500,000, English opinion has already got up to the pitch of recommending the raising of a famine loan of $50,000,000. It is curious to notice that the prospect of famine prices for rice and wheat has little effect in checking the exports of these grains from India. It is now proposed to prohibit exportation by decree of the Governor General, though it is obvious enough that, while the price abroad remains sufficiently tempting, exports will continue, in spite of such a decree, through ports not subject to British authority.

A CITIZEN of St. Petersburg, Russia, is said to have overcome the difficulties in the way of applying the magneto-electric light to the purposes of general illumination. He has constructed a machine, rotated by a three-horse power engine, which, he declares, can keep several hundred lamps going, the lights being regulated by a simple contrivance. Hitherto the want of steadiness has been objectionable, and was caused by its dependence on the uniform proximity of two carbon points, which, when heated by the current and exposed to the air, were rapidly burnt away. In this invention only one piece of charcoal is necessary. This is connected with the electro-magnetic machine and inclosed in a glass tube from which the air is extracted. The tube is then filled with gas, which will not combine with the charcoal at a high temperature, and hermetically sealed. On the machine being set in motion, the charcoal becomes gradually and equally heated, and emits a soft, steady light, which will burn at the bottom of a mine, or even at the bottom of a river, as readily as in a street lamp, and at about one-fifth of the cost of coal gas. The discovery is immediately to be tested in several of the large continental cities.

THE BELIEF of the Delaware people in the efficacy of flogging as a punishment for certain classes of crimes has the endorsement of a distinguished English Judge. Baron Pigott, in delivering a charge to a Grand Jury at the Warwick Assizes recently, took occasion to say that there was a large increase in the number of cases of violence in Warwickshire, and in drawing attention to this he added that his experience was, that no punishment was so efficacious as that of flogging. He had noticed that the most hardened criminals, who evinced no emotion when penal servitude was mentioned, showed signs of apprehension at the slightest reference to a flogging.

TO RUPTURED PEOPLE.

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Vests in high and low necks, long and short Sleeves in all sizes. Drawers all sizes.
RIBBONS, RIBBONS
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Laces and Embroideries,
Ruches and Ruching,
Velvet Belts,
Hair Goods.
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FEDERAL ST. ALLEGHENY.

ORDINANCES.

(No. 359.)

AN ORDINANCE—To amend an Ordinance entitled an ordinance authorizing the construction of a Sewer in the 21st ward, from the Pennsylvania railroad to Fifth avenue.

SECTION 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the City of Pittsburgh, in Select and Common Councils assembled, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same, That the ordinance authorizing the construction of a sewer in the 21st ward, from the Pennsylvania railroad to Fifth avenue, passed the 5th day of September, 1872, be and the same is hereby amended so as to read: The City Engineer be and he is hereby authorized and directed to advertise for proposals for the construction of a Brick sewer, three feet in diameter in the 21st ward, beginning at the Pennsylvania railroad; thence along Jackson street to a point opposite the property of Catharine E. Hoffman, thence across the properties of Catharine E. Hoffman, James Barrett, Peter Thomas and David Golder; thence along Transit alley to Fifth avenue, and to let the same in the manner directed by an Act concerning Streets, approved January 6, 1864, and the several supplements thereto, and Ordinances of Councils relative to the same, the cost and expense of the same to be assessed and collected in accordance with the provisions of an Act of Assembly entitled "An Act concerning streets and sewers in the city of Pittsburgh," approved January 6, 1864, and the several supplements thereto.

SEC. 2. That any Ordinance or part of Ordinance conflicting with the passage of this Ordinance at the present time, be and the same is hereby repealed so far as the same affects this Ordinance.

Ordained and enacted into a law in Councils, this 15th day of December, A. D. 1873.

A. H. GROSS,
President of Select Council.

Attest: E. S. MORROW,
Clerk of Select Council.

W. B. NEGLEY,
President of Common Council.

Attest: GEO. BOOTH,
Clerk of Common Council.

Recorded in Ordinance Book, vol. 4, page 60, Jan. 8, 1874.

(No. 369.)

AN ORDINANCE—Locating Fifty-third street.

SECTION 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the City of Pittsburgh, in Select and Common Councils assembled, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same, That Fifty-third street be and is hereby located as follows, to-wit: Starting at a point of intersection of north side of Butler street and line of McCandless avenue, deflecting to right 10 deg. 8 min., running thence to Allegheny river, a width of sixty (60) feet.

Ordained and enacted into a law, in Councils, this 15th day of December, A. D. 1873.

A. H. GROSS,
President of Select Council.

Attest: E. S. MORROW,
Clerk of Select Council.

W. B. NEGLEY,
President of Common Council.

Attest: GEO. BOOTH,
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DAILY GAZETTE.

FINANCIAL.

Latest Advices Concerning Money and Stock Matters.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, TUESDAY EVENING, January 5, 1874.
OFFICE OF PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, WEDNESDAY EVENING, January 7, 1874.

The local money market is still becoming easier. The wet weather, however, somewhat interferes with outside transactions.

Local securities have been quite active this week, a number of stocks changing hands, with a tendency towards higher figures.

In the New York stock market prices to-day have been strong, and the market generally advanced. St. Paul closed at 47¾, and Western Union at 76¾.

The gold market to-day has shown a steady feeling, the price opening at 111, and closing at 111¼.

Luther S. Kauffman, Broker, No. 96 Fourth Avenue, furnishes the following quotations of bonds and stocks from the latest advices by telegraph:

	Tuesday.	We'day.
Gold closed at	111¼	111¼
U. S. 6ixes—1881—coupons	117	118
Do., do., 1881	115¾	116¾
5-20 1865	115¾	115¾
5-20—1864,	114	114¾
" 1865	115¾	115¾
" 1866 new,	115¾	115¾
" 1867,	115¾	116¾
" 1868—coupons.	115¾	116
10-40's	111	111¾
10-40's—coupons	112¾	112
Currency 6's	113	113¾
New 5 per cents	111¼	112¾
RAILWAYS.		
New York Central	100	100¾
Erie	47	47¾
R., R. & B.	83¾	83¾
C. C. & I. C.	27¾	28
St. Paul	45¾	47¾
Do. preferred	71	72¾
Michigan Southern	81¾	81¾
Do. Central	80¾	81
North Western Common	67	69¾
Do. preferred	82¾	83
Rock Island	104	104¾
Cleveland & Pittsburgh	85¾	86
Pacific Mail	41¾	43¾
Western Union Telegraph	75¾	76¾
Ohio & Mississippi	31¾	32¾
Union Pacific	31	31¾
Toledo & Wabash	54	54
Wabash	118¾	118¾
Chicago and Alton	104	105
Adams Express	93¾	93¾
American Express	59¾	59¾
U. S. Express	71	70
W., Fargo & Co. Express	63	63¾
I. C.	105¾	102

Messrs. Robinson Bros., bankers, No. 48 Fourth avenue, furnish the following quotations of active stock on the Philadelphia Stock Board to-day:

	Tuesday.	We'day.
Penna. Central	45¾	48
Reading	55	55¾
United Cos. of N. J.	116	116¾
Old Creek	18	17¾
Lehigh Valley	59	58¾
Central Transportation	41¾	42
A. W. R. R.		93
Penna. scrip dividend	93¾	93¾

NEW YORK, January 7, 1874.

Money was easy at 5@6. Sterling was heavy; 481¾ for sixty days and 485¼ for sight. Customs receipts $214,000. Gold closed strong at 111¼, after selling at 110¾. Loans were at 1-32, 7, 6, 5, and 7 gold. Treasury disbursements $1,000,000. Clearings $41,030,000. Government were quiet and steady. State bonds were dull. Stocks were buoyant, advancing from ½ to 2¾ per cent. The strongest stocks were Pacific Mail, Wabash, St. Paul, Lake shore, C. C. & I. C., Western Union and Northwest. The market closed active and strong at the highest figures of the day. The sales between ten and two o'clock amounted to 138,000 shares, of which 12,000 were Western Union, 18,000 Union Pacific, 11,000 Wabash, 32,000 Pacific Mail, 4,000 Onios, 18,000 St. Paul, 23,000 Lake Shore, 4,000 C. C. & I. C., and 6,000 Northwest.

Government.—U. S. coupons of 1881, 117¾; 5-20s of '62, 113¾; do of '64, 114¾; do of '65, 114¾; do new, 115¾; do of '67, 115¾; do '68, 116; new 5s, 112; 10-40's, 112; currency 6's, 113.

State Bonds.—Missouri, 91; Tennessee, old, 78; do new, 69; do old, 68; North Carolina old, 26; do new, 14.

Stocks.—Western Union Telegraph Company, 76¾; Quicksilver, 36¼; Adams Express, 93¾; Wells, Fargo & Co.'s Express, 69¾; American Express, 59¾; United States Express, 70; Pacific Mail, 43¾; New York Central, 100¾; Erie, 47; do preferred, 72¾; Harlem, 128½; do preferred, 137; Michigan Central, 81¾; Michigan Southern & Chicago, 86; Northwestern common, 69¾; do preferred, 83; Rock Island, 104¾; Fort Wayne, 98¾; St. Paul, 47¾; do preferred, 72¾; Toledo & Wabash, 54; do preferred, 70; Fort Wayne, 90; Terre Haute, 14¾; do preferred, 27¾; Chicago & Alton, 105; do preferred, 108; Ohio & Mississippi, 32¾; Cleveland, Columbus & Cincinnati, 78; Cincinnati & Quincy, 99; Lake Shore, 85¾; Panama, 294; Illinois Central, 102; Union Pacific, 32¾; Canada Pacific, 94½; Union, 82¾; Hartford & Erie, 8¾; Delaware & Lackawanna, 93¾.

LONDON, January 7—5 P. M.—The rate of discount in open market for three months' bills is 3¾ per cent., which is below the Bank of England rate. It is the general opinion on the Stock Exchange that the bank rate will be reduced to-morrow. The amount of bullion gone into bank on balance to-day was £80,000.

PARIS, January 7.—Rentes 58f 95c.

COMMERCIAL.

Condition of the Markets at Home and Abroad.

PITTSBURGH MARKETS.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, WEDNESDAY EVENING, January 7, 1874.

Nothing shows the revival of business during the last month of 1873 more positively than the great increase of internal revenue receipts over the estimates of the probable receipts made by the Secretary of the Treasury in November. In his report to Congress at the opening of the session, he stated that the internal revenue receipts for the three months ending November 1 were $25,640,454, and estimated that the probable receipts for the remaining nine months of the fiscal year ending June 31, 1874, would be $60,000,000, thus giving a total of $85,640,454 internal revenue for the fiscal year to June 31, 1874. Contrary, however, to this unfavorable prediction, the December receipts of internal revenue were nearly equal to the average of the three months before the panic, as follows:

For July	$8,821,018
For August	8,325,289
For September	8,894,671
For October	6,918,461
For November	6,734,959
For December	8,012,953

APPLES—There is no improvement in the demand, and prices remain unchanged; $3@3 ¶ bbl. for common to good, and $3.50@4 for prime to choice.

APPLE BUTTER—65@70c ¶ gallon.

BUTTER—Continues dull; but prices have undergone no quotable change; prime to choice roll, 30@32c.

BEANS—$2@2.25 ¶ bushel

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—4@4½c ¶ lb.

CHEESE—Prime Ohio Factory is quoted firm with regular jobbing sales at 14½c.

CARBON OIL—Firm and higher, 13½@15c by the carload, and 16@20c additional for smaller lots.

CRANBERRIES—There is a fair demand, and we are reported sales at $10@13 ¶ brl. as to quality.

DRESSED HOGS—6@6½c per lb.

DRIED FRUIT—Firm and in light supply Apples, 6@8c. Peaches, halves, 10@12; peeled, 18@20. Blackberries, 12@13.

EGGS—The market continues dull and considerably overstocked, and prices are low & but without quotable change; pickled, 18@20c; fresh, 20@22.

FLOUR—Firm, with a steady jobbing trade but unchanged; we continue to quote spring wheat flours at $7@7.50, and, red wisters at $7.75@8.50. Rye Flour, $5.50@5.75.

GRAIN—The stock of Wheat, particularly in the hands of dealers, is very much reduced, and with a steady milling demand, prices are firm but unchanged: $1.37@1.40 for red winter; $1.40@1.45 for amber, and $1.60@1.70 for white. Oats continue to arrive more freely, and are decreased receipts and offerings, the market is easier; may be quoted at 52@53c. For Corn is in limited supply, and may be quoted firm at 62@70, shelled also continues scarce, but there does not seem to be much inquiry for it; we continue to quote at 70@75. Rye is in light supply and firmer sales at 90@9 cents. Barley is quiet but unchanged, ranging from $1.25@1.50, according to quality.

GROCERIES—The grocery trade continues moderately active, and we have no doubt it would be considerably better than it is, but for the inclement weather and very bad condition of the country roads. Coffee is still reported strong and scarce; are also firm, while as regards Molasses, Syrups and Rice, the market is quiet but unchanged.

SUGARS.—Patent Cut Loaf, 12c; Crushed, Powdered and Granulated, 11 to 11¼; Standard A, 10¾; B, 10⅜; Ex. C, 10¼; Circle C, 10c; Franklin Extra C, 9¾; Franklin No. 2 Extra C, 9; Yellow Sugars, 8 to 9, as to quality.

COFFEE.—Choice Rio, 21@23; good to prime, 20@21; fair, 19@20. Roasted 1 pound packages, 26; loose, 23¾.

MOLASSES—Strictly prime new crop New Orleans, 70c; fair to prime old, 65@70.

SYRUPS—Extra White Drips, 70c; Sugar Drips, 60c; Amber, 50@55; lower grades, 35@40, as to quality.

RICE—Choice Carolina, 9c; Patna, 8¾c; Rangoon, 7¾@8c.

HAY—The receipts of baled continue on the increase, and with a very limited demand and stocks accumulating, prices are weak and drooping; we now quote at $18@23 ¶ ton, according to quality.

HOMINY—$4.75@5.25 ¶ brl.

ONIONS—$2@3 per brl.

POTATOES—Regular sales of prime Peach Blows, in a jobbing way, at $1.30@1.35 per bush.

POULTRY—The supply is considerably reduced, but there is not much inquiry for it, and the market is dull.

PROVISIONS—Extra Sugar Cured Hams, 9¾ lb. 12¾. Ex. Sugar Cured Shoulders, 9¾; Sugar cured Breakfast Bacon, 11¾c. Extra Sugar Cured Dried Beef, 15¾. Beef tongues, $7.50 ¶ dozen. Bacon Shoulders, per lb, 8¾c. Bacon Rib Sides, 9c. Bacon Short Rib Sides, 9¾c. Bacon Clear Rib Sides, 10c. Mess Pork, $16.75 per barrel. Refined Lard for summer use, in tres, 9¾. Do. half bbls. 10¼c. Do. bbls 10¾c. Do. 5 lb. cadd ies, 11c. Do in 5 lb. pails, 11¾c. Do. do in 3 lb. pails 13c. ¶ pound. Do. in 5 lb. pails, 12¾. Do in 3 lb. pails, 13¾. Ham Sausage, 9c.

PEAS—$1.65@1.75 ¶ bushel.

BAGS—Quoted at 2¾@3c.

SALT—Is quoted at $2.20@2.30 ¶ brl. by the car load, and $2.35 in a jobbing way.

SEEDS—Flax Seed is firm and tending upward; $1.85@1.90 for prime.

TALLOW—Quoted at 6¼@7.

WHISKY—Highwines, $1.01.02 ¶ gallon.

PITTSBURGH LIVE STOCK MARKET.

CENTRAL STOCK YARDS, EAST LIBERTY, WEDNESDAY, January 7, 1874.

Following are arrivals of the different kinds of stock from and including Sunday up until noon to day:

Sunday.	Cattle	Hogs	Sheep
	65 cars	58 cars	7 cars
Monday.	4	5	
Tuesday.	22	37	33
Wed'dy—up to noon	68	50	11
Total	200	130	50
Total all last week	12	55	16

CATTLE.

As will be seen, the arrivals up to this time, noon to day, have been almost double of those of all last week, and with soft, wet weather, unfavorable reports from the east, particularly from New York and Philadelphia, and a general inclination to the belief that a reaction has set in, has caused a very dull market thus far, and the outlook is anything but favorable for sellers. Prices on common and medium cattle are down fully half a cent—some dealers quoted a decline of three quarters: no prime cattle have changed hands up to the time we left the yards, but it was generally conceded that sharp concessions would have to be made in order to effect sales. In view of the advance within the past month or so of at least $1 ¶ cwt. holders, as a rule, could not submit to the heavy reduction demanded without incurring a heavy loss, and it is probable that many of them will ship on further east unless there is a change for the better within the next 24 hours.

The sales from and including Monday up until noon to day only foot up 420 head, and as already intimated, nearly all of these were of the common and medium grades. It is but proper to state, however, that those of the Philadelphia buyers reached here until this forenoon, a day later than usual, and while it is probable they will take a good many, providing sellers are willing to drop prices, which at this writing, is doubtful. One firm, Ulery, Hamilton & Co., reported having had 30 cars on sale this forenoon, yet up until noon they had not sold a single bullock; we are in hopes that there will be a compromise, that both buyers and sellers will concede, and if so, trade will turn out better than present indications warrant. Quotations for the different grades may be fairly given as follows:

Extra 1,500 steers	6.00@6.25
Prime 1,400 steers	5.50@5.75
Prime 1,200@1,300 steers	5.00@5.25
Good 1,000@1,100	4.00@4.50
Old cows, bulls, etc. etc.	2.50@3.50

The New York World of the 6th says: Another wholesale slaughter that permitted his passer to go to protest. Mr. J Steinfirght, who owns the commission salesmen of this city about $60,000, asks, for the third time within the last ten years, for a compromise settlement with his creditors upon the popular basis—50 cents on the dollar, half cash and half time paper. These failures and propositions for settlement upon terms that leave the debtor's family snugly provided for are becoming monotonous, and Mr. Steinfight is likely to have trouble in effecting a settlement as he desires.

HOGS.

The arrivals from and including Sunday up until noon to day were as will be seen, more than double of those of all last week, and with a diminished demand in consequence of the soft unfavorable weather and increased offerings, the market is dragging and prices are drooping; buyers, in anticipation of a still further depreciation, are taking hold sparingly, while, on the other hand, holders are anxious to the extreme to accept the situation than run the risk of the eastern markets. If the weather should turn cold and the markets back up, there would be a change in the position of the market, but there is no disguising the fact that at present buyers are in the ascendancy. Quotations may be given as follows:

Philadelphia hogs	5.70@5.75
Yorkers	5.25@5.30
Mixed rough hogs	4.75@5.00

SHEEP.

The receipts all last week footed up 16 cars; while from and including Sunday up until noon to day they footed up 53 cars, with a large increase in the receipts and offerings, together with unfavorable weather and discouraging advices from the east, trade is dull; dealers generally reported the market as being unsatisfactory, and prices 1 lower, as compared with last week. It is worthy of notice that buyers generally are now making but little difference between fine and coarse wool sheep, providing the quality is equal—indeed, some of them are taking the former in preference, the objection urged against fine wool sheep is that they are too small. Quotations may be fairly given as follows:

Prime fine wool, 95@100 lbs	5.25@5.50
Good fine wool, 80@85 lbs	4.50@4.75
Fair fine wool, 70@75 lbs	3.75@4.25
Extra open wool, 120@130 lbs	6.25@6.50
Extra open wool, 100@110 lbs	5.75@6.00
Good open wool, 80@90 lbs	4.50@4.75

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

New York.

NEW YORK, January 7.—Cotton steady; uplands 16½c; futures closed firm; sales of 18,400 bales; January 16 3-16@16 ¼c; February 16@16 1-32c; March 16 9-32@16 5-16c; April 16 15-16@16 31-32c; May 17 7-16@17 7-16c; June 17¾@17⅞c. Flour lighter; fairly active for shipping; sales of 9,000 bbls.; common to good, $5.35@7.75; good to choice, $7.75@8.25; choice white wheat extras, $8.50@8.75; Ohio, $5.35

LATEST NEWS.

PROCLAIMED.

The New Constitution in Force.

The Proclamation of Gov. Hartranft.

Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Gazette.
HARRISBURG, January 7, 1873.

Following is the proclamation of Governor Hartranft announcing the ratification of the new Constitution:

Pennsylvania, ss.

In the name and by the authority of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, by John F. Hartranft, Governor of the said Commonwealth.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, In compliance with an act of the General Assembly of this Commonwealth, entitled "An act to provide for calling a Convention to amend the Constitution," approved by the Governor the 11th day of April, A. D. 1872, the qualified electors of this Commonwealth elected delegates to a Convention to revise and amend the Constitution of the State with power to propose to the citizens of this Commonwealth for their approval or rejection a new Constitution, or amendments to the present one, or specific amendments to be voted on separately.

AND WHEREAS, In compliance with the said act, the delegates so elected assembled in Convention on the second Tuesday of November, A. D., 1872, and adopted, at Philadelphia, on the third day of November, A. D., 1873, a Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

AND WHEREAS, The Constitution by said Convention so adopted was submitted to the qualified voters of the Commonwealth for their approval or rejection, appointed, on the sixteenth day of December, A. D., 1873,

AND WHEREAS, The returns of the said election whereby the act of Assembly aforesaid directed to be returned, opened, counted and published, as the returns for Governor are now by law counted and published, and where the number of votes given for or against the new or revised Constitution, or for or against separate special amendments, if any shall have been summed up and ascertained, and the duplicate certificates thereof delivered to the proper officers, the Governor shall declare by proclamation the result of the election, and if a majority of the votes polled shall be for the new or revised Constitution, or for any separate specific amendment, such new or revised Constitution and separate specific amendments shall be thenceforth the Constitution of this Commonwealth.

AND WHEREAS, The returns of the election so held for the adoption or rejection of the said Constitution, adopted by the aforesaid Convention, were returned in compliance with the requirements of the said act of the General Assembly of this Commonwealth, as delivered to the Speaker of the Senate on the seventh day of January, A. D. 1874:

AND WHEREAS, By a certificate of this date, on file in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, signed by the Hon. Butler B. Strang, Speaker of the Senate of this Commonwealth, and the Hon. Henry H. McCormick, Speaker of the House of Representatives of this Commonwealth, it appears that the Speaker of the Senate of this Commonwealth, on the 7th day of January, 1874, in the Hall of the House of Representatives in the State Capital, opened, counted and published the returns of the election to decide for or against the adoption of said constitution adopted by the aforesaid convention, and summed up and ascertained the number of votes given for and against the same at said election, in the presence of both Houses of the Legislature of this Commonwealth, conformably to the laws of this Commonwealth, and that upon counting the votes it appeared that the number of votes given for the new Constitution was two hundred and fifty-three thousand seven hundred and fifty-four, and the number of votes given against the new Constitution was two hundred and eight thousand five hundred and ninety-four, showing a majority of one hundred and forty-five thousand one hundred and fifty votes in favor of the new Constitution.

Therefore, I, John F. Hartranft, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, have caused this proclamation to issue, and in pursuance of the said acts of the General Assembly of this Commonwealth, in compliance therewith, do hereby declare that the election held on the seventh day of December, A. D. 1873, by the qualified voters of the Commonwealth, to decide for or against the adoption of the new Constitution in Convention adopted at Philadelphia on the third day of November, A. D. 1873, and submitted, and the returns thereof, showing that two hundred and forty-four (253,744) votes were given for the adoption of the same, and one hundred and eight thousand five hundred and ninety-four (108,594) were given against the adoption of the same, a majority of one hundred and forty-five thousand one hundred and fifty (145,150) of the votes polled at said election being in favor of the adoption of the said new Constitution, and the said new Constitution has been adopted by the State, and is the Constitution of the Commonwealth.

Given under my hand and the great seal of the State at Harrisburg, this seventh day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, and of the Commonwealth the ninety-eighth.

By the Governor.
J. F. HARTRANFT.
M. S. QUAY, Secretary of the Commonwealth.

FORTY-THIRD CONGRESS.

FIRST SESSION.

WASHINGTON, January 7, 1874.

SENATE.

The Chaplain, in his opening prayer, invoked Divine Providence to hold in his own hand that powerful engine—the public press.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. SUMNER—A petition of 35,174 persons of Ohio against the proposed theological amendment to the Constitution of the United States. The total length of the petition was nine hundred fifty-three feet. Referred.

By Mr. STEVENSON—A petition of Good Templars asking for the passage of a prohibitory liquor law in the Territories. Referred.

Notices.

Mr. MORTON gave notice that when the salary bill should be disposed of he would ask the Senate to take up and dispose of the Louisiana election case.

Mr. STEVENSON gave notice that when the Louisiana case should be up, he would move an amendment to the proposition of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. Morton) to refer the whole case back to the Committee on Privileges and Elections, with instructions to take proof as to the validity of the election.

Memorial for the Repeal of the Bankrupt Law.

Mr. BOGY presented a memorial for the repeal of the bankrupt law, and said he hoped the fullest opportunity would be given to obtain the views of all interested in the matter.

By Mr. SARGENT—A petition of the Woman's Rights Association of San Francisco, asking that the laws of the District of Columbia and the Territories be so amended that women should have the right to vote, hold office, and exercise all the rights under the law as now are exercised by men; and, further, that no State be hereafter admitted to the Union in which any distinction in favor of sex shall be made. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. THURMAN said the Judiciary Committee still had the subject under consideration, and would probably report other amendments.

The Financial Troubles.

Mr. THURMAN announced that when the Salary bill should be disposed of, he would ask a vote on the resolution heretofore reported by the Committee on Finance that the committee was delayed in preparing for relief of the financial troubles on account of waiting to obtain the wish of the Senate.

A Relief Bill.

Mr. CONOVER introduced a bill amendatory of the act for the relief of purchasers of lands sold for direct taxes in the Southern States. Referred.

The Franking Privilege.

Mr. GORDON (Ga.) inquired of the Chair if the Postmaster General had responded to the resolution of the Senate before the holidays, asking for information in regard to the franking privilege.

The Chair responded in the negative.

List of Persons Using Official Postage Stamps.

The Chair laid before the Senate communications from the Secretary of State and the Postmaster General, in accordance with the Senate resolution of yesterday, giving a list of persons using official postage stamps. Laid on the table.

The Salary Question.

The bill to repeal the act of March 3d, 1873, increasing the salaries, was taken up.

Mr. PRATT advocated the adoption of his amendment.

The subject was discussed by Messrs. Carpenter, Morton, Ferry (Conn.), Merrimon, Sherman, Tipton, Bayard, Hamilton (Md.), Saulsbury and Sargent.

Pending the discussion, the Senate, at 5 o'clock, adjourned.

HOUSE.

Bill Introduced and Referred

By Mr. KASSON—To establish certain regulations of commerce conducted on railways among the several States or with foreign countries, and to regulate railways with respect thereto.

Tax on Tea, Coffee and Sugar.

Mr. HUNTER offered a resolution declaring it to be the sentiment of the House that no tax shall be imposed on tea, coffee and sugar by the present Congress, unless some new necessity now not known shall arise. Referred.

The Supplementary Civil Rights Bill.

The House then resumed consideration of the Supplementary Civil Rights bill, and Mr. Butler (Mass.), who has charge of the bill, proceeded to close the debate. After a lengthy speech the bill was recommitted and all the amendments were ordered printed.

The Starving Poor of the South.

Mr. MONROE, from the Committee on Education and Labor, reported back adversely the resolution offered yesterday by Mr. Sypher directing army rations to be issued for the relief of the starving poor in the Southern States.

The committee was discharged from further consideration of the bill.

Adjourned.

NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, January 7, 1874.

Auction Sale of Pews in Plymouth Church.

The auction sales of pews in Plymouth church (Henry Ward Beecher's) aggregated $58,470, against $60,232 last year. Thirty-nine persons paid over $400 each for their pews, and thirty paid between $300 and $400. The highest sum paid for pews was $530. Henry C. Bowen secured the second choice.

Another Delay for the Spanish Man-of-War.

To day, while the Spanish man-of-war Arapiles was taking her armament on board by the aid of a derrick, one of the boiler pipes burst, disabling the derrick machinery. It will require three days to make the necessary repairs.

THE CAPITAL.

The Nomination of Judge Williams as Chief Justice to be Withdrawn.

AMENDED ESTIMATES.

Reports from the Various Departments.

Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Gazette.
WASHINGTON, January 7, 1874.

The Nomination of Attorney General Williams as Chief Justice to be Withdrawn.

Attorney General Williams, having grown weary of the prolonged contest over his confirmation as Chief Justice, has to night written a letter to the President, asking to have his name withdrawn. The President will comply with the request, and Mr. Williams will remain Attorney General for the present. DIAMOND.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.]
WASHINGTON, January 7, 1883.

The Army and Navy.

Secretary Robeson was before the House Committee on Appropriations yesterday. He said it was impossible to make any reduction for the maintenance of the navy proper, and indicated that there should be an increase to place the navy in an efficient condition.

The Secretary of War and General Sherman express the opinion that the proposed reduction of the army is inexpedient and fraught with danger to border settlers.

Amended Estimates.

In reply to the resolution of the House of Representatives on December 15th, requesting a revision of the estimates for the expenses of the Government for the fiscal year ending January 20th, 1875, the President to-day transmitted to the Speaker of the House amended estimates and replies from the various Departments, showing that action had been taken by them, as follows:

The Postmaster General reported that no reduction can be safely made in the estimate heretofore submitted for an appropriation for the postal service during the next fiscal year. The total of the estimates made for this department, therefore, stand at the same amount as heretofore presented, viz.: $36,104,812.

The Secretary of the Treasury says: Of the whole estimates for the year ending June 30th, 1875, only the sum of $2,967,261 is subject to the consideration of Congress outside of the requirements of existing laws. These latter may be omitted. They include $1,631,300 for lighthouses and hire of revenue vessels, but the Secretary doubts the propriety of omitting these appropriations. He shows where reductions to a slight extent may be made.

Mr. Mullet, Supervising Architect of the Treasury, says that should it be decided not to commence any new works, and to suspend general operations on certain buildings named, the expenditures for the fiscal year can be reduced very few millions dollars.

The State Department says the only estimate that can be reduced is the appropriation for official postage stamps to $50,000.

The Department of Justice also states what reductions can be made, though to a comparatively small extent.

The reductions that can be made in the Navy Department amount to two millions, and the Secretary does not think that a greater amount is either proper or safe. The Secretary thinks the lesson of the day in truth is that navy should be increased, and not diminished, and after a review of the necessities of the service, the Secretary is constrained to declare frankly his opinion that no reduction should be made at this time in those appropriations especially intended to put the cruising vessels of the navy in a condition for active and immediate service, and while entertaining the view that real economy would be to increase the appropriations to a sum sufficient to make our naval force fully efficient, the Secretary will be ready to accommodate the action of the department to the wishes of the people.

The report of the Secretary of War says that the military estimates are based upon the actual cost of material and supplies and by the number of persons authorized by law to be employed in so far as regards the strictly military part of the service.

The Alleged Irregularities of General Howard.

The Secretary of War has addressed a letter to the Speaker of the House, in connection with his communication of December last, relative to the developments concerning the late Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands. An examination into the matter has failed to show any grounds for impeachment of General Howard and Major J. M. Brown, the other disbursing officer, but all the admissions show that money was certified in the Treasury when in fact the money was not there.

Tennessee Bonds Held by the Government.

The House Committee on Judiciary yesterday heard an argument by Governor Brown, of Tennessee, relating to the bill authorizing the Quartermaster General to settle with Tennessee for bonds held by the United States for property and railroad material seized from the Edgefield & Kentucky and Memphis, Clarksville and Louisville Railroad Companies.

Pension to Peace Commissioner Thomas' Widow.

In the House to day Mr. Luttrell introduced a bill giving the widow of Modoc Peace Commissioner Thomas a pension equal to that of the widow of a Lieutenant Colonel of the army.

General Crook's Nomination.

It may now be considered certain that General Crook's nomination as Brigadier will be confirmed.

Legal Tenders Outstanding.

The outstanding legal tenders amount to $379,722,302.

FOREIGN.

SPAIN.

The Burning of the Man-of-War Tetuan.

LONDON, January 7.—Telegrams from Cartagena say the burning of the man-of-war Tetuan was intentional, and that the Numancia and Mendez Nunez were to have been destroyed at the same time, but the plan was discovered and these vessels saved.

The Policy of the Government.

MADRID, January 7.—Senor Ruiz, Minister of the Interior, has issued r circular to the Provincial authorities, stating that the principal object of the Government is to re-establish order and show its compatibility with the republic and liberty. To secure this object, it will employ the most energetic measures.

The *Igualidad* newspaper has been seized by Government officials.

Generals Hidalgo and Ripoll have been placed in arrest.

The province of Valencia has been declared in a state of siege.

The Overtures of Figueras Rejected by Castelar.

Castelar has rejected the overtures of Figueras, Salmeron and Pi Y. Margall asked him to co-operate with them in reorganizing the federal Republic.

Movements of Troops.

General Sona has embarked from San Sebastian with three battalions of Government troops. Their destination is unknown.

GERMANY.

The Imprisonment of Archbishop Ledochowski Threatened.

LONDON, January 7.—A special dispatch from Berlin says the imprisonment of Archbishop Ledochowski is threatened. All his furniture has been distrained, and he still refuses to pay the fines imposed by the Courts.

CENTRAL AMERICA.

Amapala Captured by Troops of San Salvador.

ASPINWALL, Dec. 24.—The soldiers of San Salvador captured the town of Amapala after severe fighting on the 15th. One hundred men were killed.

SUMATRA.

Disease in the Dutch Camp.

PENANG, January 7.—Cholera and other diseases prevail to a fearful extent in the Dutch camp in Acheen. The native allies are the greatest sufferers.

BY MAIL.

New Cardinals.

NEW YORK, January 7.—Foreign papers say the Pope raised the following prelates to the dignity of Cardinal, viz.: Mgr. Cardosa, Archbishop of Lisbon; Mgr. Guibert, Archbishop of Paris; Mgr. Regnier, Archbishop of Cambray; Mgr. Almon, Primate of Hungary; Mgr. Tarmoczi, Archbishop of Salzburg; Mgr. Schwichtenberg, Primate of Bavaria, Mgr. Ghigi, Papal Nuncio at Paris; Mgr. Falcinelli, Papal Nuncio at Vienna; Mgr. Franchi, Papal Nuncio at Madrid; Mgr. Oreglia, Papal Nuncio at Lisbon; the Jesuit Father Tarquini, and the Augustine Father Martinelli.

POLITICAL.

New Hampshire Republican State Convention.

CONCORD, N. H., January 7.—The Republican State Convention met to-day. James P. Briggs, President, made an address, in which he advocated woman's suffrage, and said the party which opposes it will be defeated.

Luther McCutchins was nominated for Governor.

Resolutions were adopted declaring fidelity to the Republican party; demanding the unconditional repeal of the salary act and the re-establishment of all salaries, including the President's, at the old scale, and as far as the Constitution will permit; calling upon the Senators and Representatives who profited by the back pay to make restitution to the Government which they have helped to embarrass; inviting the co operation of the Republican party in other States in the effort to preserve the organization from reproach; protesting against a revival of the abuses of the banking privileges; calling upon Congress for an improvement in the banking system, and for as early a return to specie payments as possible; demanding a revision of the laws regulating and governing savings banks, so that their funds will be securely invested; pledging the utmost efforts to reduce all unjust discriminations against the farming interests, and to give all classes of men equal and exact justice; deprecating the growing tendency to special legislation; approving the President's recommendation for an amendment to the organic law so as to protect the country from objectionable legislation in the closing hours of the sessions of Congress; endorsing the action of last Legislature for the maintenance of the present temperance laws of the State; commending the efforts of the House of Representatives and the national administration to retrench the expenditures and reduce the appropriations; and, finally, declaring that there should be no additional taxation till every effort has been exhausted to bring the expenses of the Government within the present and prospective means, but if such taxation become necessary, it should fall, as far as possible, upon articles of luxury.

A State Central Committee was nominated, and the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

HOME NEWS.

Rioters Committed.

James Welsh and Frank McCune, who were arrested near McKeesport, on Monday, for aiding in the escape of Patrick Slavin, the murderer of Daniel Lynch, were yesterday committed for trial by Justice Shoaf, of Elizabeth.

Library Hall.

The New York *Times* and *Tribune*, the Brooklyn *Eagle*, and other Eastern papers unite in saying Miss Potter, who is to read in Library Hall this evening, has a "voice of wonderful power, an enunciation truly astonishing." "No one can approach her except it be Murdoch." The personation of different distinguished lecturers and speakers will be a novel feature. The entertainment will be one of the best of the season.

Allegheny County Agricultural Society Annual Election.

At a meeting of the Allegheny County Agricultural Society stockholders, yesterday, at the office of R. Patrick & Co., No. 49 Fifth avenue, the following officers and managers for the ensuing year were elected: Officers—President, James Kelly; Recording Secretary, Geo. I. Whitney; Corresponding Secretary, John E. Parke; Treasurer, W. W. Patrick; Librarian, John S Robb; Managers, James B. Lyon, James Rees, James Hall, Henry Chaffant, Wm. A. Reed, John Campbell, Alex. Speer, Joseph Loughrey, and Wm. A. Herron.

Unaccountable Absence.

Henry Wilkins, a resident of Temperanceville, has mysteriously and unaccountably disappeared from home. He left there about noon on Christmas to visit his brother, Joseph Wilkins, who lives on Mulberry alley near the corner of Forty-ninth and Penn streets, and nothing has since been heard of him. He is about forty-two years of age and has black hair and chin whiskers. Worked at the Clinton Mills, near Limerick. Had about two dollars with him. He was sober and industrious, and no cause can be assigned for his absence. He leaves a wife and five children, and is supposed to have been foully dealt with.

Towboat Burned.

On Tuesday night the towboat Little Whale was burned at the wharf of Dalley, Whigham & Co.'s Allequippa coal works, about a mile and a half above McKeesport. The origin of the fire is not known. Mr. James Whigham first discovered it, and wakened up the crew, who had fortunately time enough to escape. The fire is supposed to have caught near the pilot house. The Little Whale is about nine years old, and valued at six thousand dollars. She was not on the water's edge but the hull is still afloat. Messrs. Bailey, Whigham & Co., were the owners, and there was no insurance on the boat.

The Allemania Insurance Company.

This comparatively new institution, as will be seen by its card in another column, declares a dividend of $12½ per share. We think so large a dividend has never before been paid by any Pittsburgh institution. The city is coming at the hither end of great financial trouble and general distrust is like the breaking forth of a brilliant sunshine after a protracted elemental and disastrous storm. The Allemania stands forth with a full paid up capital, fresh and vigorous, a solvent company ably and wisely managed and destined to a future of great prosperity and great usefulness. Institutions like this carefully managed and honorably and promptly administering its losses are essentially beneficent in their nature, and should be appreciated accordingly by the community.

Sad Death of a Little Girl.

A little three year old daughter of Mr. James M. Hartzell, who lives on the South Side, in the Thirty-third ward, died yesterday under very singular circumstances. The little girl, Eva, went up stairs in the morning, and taking up a vial containing medicine that had been prescribed for her grandmother, she drank part of the contents. Several times during the day she took the medicine, and in the afternoon told her grandmother what she had done. The old lady asked her how much of the medicine she had taken, and she replied all out. They noticed that the little girl's face looked flushed, and, fearing serious results, a physician was sent for. Milk was administered and emetics given in order to produce vomiting, but the child continued to grow worse, and died at five o'clock yesterday evening.

Mexican Veterans.

Another meeting of Mexican Veterans was held last night in the room of the Phillips Zouaves, in the Diamond Market House. Major W. H. Barker was chosen President and Capt. Wm. Kennedy Secretary. The Transportation Committee reported that their application for passes over the Pennsylvania Railroad to attend the National Convention of Mexican Veterans at Washington City from the Western part of the State was received and the committee continued. The following resolution offered by Major Hope was adopted.

Resolved, That all the veterans desirous of charging upon the lines at Harrisburg and Washington city hand in their names at once.

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BEAVER FALLS.

Rain—Business—Mud.

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We have had a very heavy rain which has swelled the Beaver river a little higher than the rise a few weeks ago. Some of the factories are "on a stand still" on account of the water. The business men are hopeful and preparing to drive ahead as before the panic, so soon as the financial sky clears up a little more effectually.

The people here manufacture their own mud." A large quantity is now on hand, but as there is no demand for this article it is likely to remain as a "footing" to go upon when business becomes brisk. W.

European Steamship Arrivals Reported Yesterday.

A dispatch received at Max Schamberg's European Steamship and Telegraph Office, at No. 163 Smithfield street, announces the arrival of the steamer Partbia at Queenstown; steamer Steinman at New York.

Embossed Felt Skirts,

at 75c., $1.00, and $1.50 each, at 27 Fifth avenue. Cheapest in the city. Call and see.

THE PARDON REPORT.

Accompanying Governor Hartranft's message to the Legislature is a report of the pardons granted during the year ending November, 30, 1873, with the names of those by whom the pardon was recommended, and the reasons assigned therefor, from which we select those from Allegheny and contiguous counties:

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MACK DIXON, Westmoreland county—Aggravated Assault and Battery—February 11, 1873; sentence, six months in the county jail; pardoned April 12. Recommended by Hon. M. P. McClanahan, associate judge; by the county commissioners, Hugh Ryan and others; by Alexander Kilgore, Esq., high sheriff; John Gross, Esq., clerk, and all the county officers; James E. Clarke, A. A Stewart, H. D. Foster, and almost the entire bar of said county; J. R. McAfee, Esq., J. C. Snodgrass and the majority of the respectable and substantial citizens of Greensburg. Reasons—He is only seventeen years of age, and had, before the offence, an excellent character; the great affliction of a very respectable father and worthy sisters, and with the punishment already suffered, a proper subject for Executive clemency.

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HARRY REDPATH, Allegheny county—Fornication and Bastardy—April 5, 1873; sentenced *pro forma*; pardoned May 19. Recommended by John H. Stewart, H. B. Swoope, Esq., Jared M. Brush, Thos. H. Bigelow, Hon. H. H. McCormick, Thomas Steele, and many others, including A. W. Smith, warden of the Allegheny county jail. Reasons—The said Redpath is a mere youth of only sixteen years of age, of good reputation; that there were good reasons to believe him innocent of the crime charged; and that the prosecutrix is of such a character as to the want of belief, and was probably the seductress of the boy. Also, uniform good conduct while in prison.

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JAMES HARRIS, Mercer county—Assault and Battery—Sentence, January 11, 1873, one year in the Allegheny county work house; pardoned July 2, 1873. Recommended by S. H. Miller, Esq., S. B Stephenson, R. C. McClure, Esq., sheriff; Samuel Orwig, John P. Hogland, George Tanner, Wm. Jack; W. A. McCormick, district attorney, Samuel North, Esq., and others; County Commissioners Hugh Gourley, G. White, Esq., Blakesley, physician to the jail. Reasons—Prisoner afflicted with chronic asthma, and further confinement endangering his life, trivial character of the offence.

WILLIAM J. ROBINSON, Allegheny county—Aggravated Assault and Battery; sentence, October 28, 1871, two years in the Western Penitentiary, pardoned July 10, 1873. Reasons—Pardon recommended by Joseph P. Minick, and fifteen of the jurors who tried the case; affidavit of David Jones that he was the guilty party instead of Robinson; affidavit of John B. Hagan and Daniel Gallagher to the same effect; A. L. Pearson, Esq., District Attorney, certifies that he now believes Robinson did not strike the blow; good conduct while in prison.

WILLIAM C. CRAVENOR, Allegheny county—Burglary—Sentence, January 29, 1872, two years in the Allegheny work-house; pardoned July 29, 1873. Recommended by Hon. James Blackadder, mayor of Pittsburgh; A. M. Brown, James A. Rose; by the prosecutor, Wm. Berry; by the Hon. James P. Sterrett, president judge of the Fifth judicial district. Reasons—The articles taken were of little value; Cravenor was previously in the employ of Berry, and had been faithful and obedient conduct in prison, and evidences of reform.

JAMES R. HUTTON, Washington county.—Forgery.—Sentence, December 10, 1872, four years and nine months in the Western Penitentiary; pardoned August 12, 1873. Recommended by Hon. George V. Lawrence, Hon. Thos. J. Bigham, Hon. R. W. Mackey, Russell Errett, Esq., James P. White, Esq., R. B Coursin, M. D Wood, A. McDonald, Andrew Calhoun, John M'Donough, Alexander Calhoun and many others. Reason—He has made restitution and has been sufficiently punished; he has a wife and six children, who are in destitute circumstances and need his support; previous good character.

S. H. MILLIKEN, Allegheny county—Disorderly Conduct. Committed July 24, 1873, by James H Berry, a justice of the peace, to the Allegheny work-house for forty-five days; pardoned August 14, 1873. Reasons—Petition of James H. Berry, committing magistrate, setting forth that said Milliken is first offence, that he had served with great credit in the Union army to suppress the late rebellion, and his business going to ruin without his personal supervision, and that no good either to Milliken or the public will accrue by keeping him any longer to confinement.

ALEXANDER DUNN, Franklin county.—Rape—Sentence, August 16, 1873, six months in the county jail; pardoned August 29, 1873. Recommended by J. H. M'Cauley, Esq.; John A. Hyssong, Prothonotary; Dr. A. H. Senseny, Dr. J. H. Snowden, Hon. John Stewart, C. Richards, John R. Orr, Jeremiah Cook, David Oaks, George W. Welsh, Hon. C. M. Duncan, J. L. Scott, G. R. Messersmith, Hon. F. M. Kimmel, and many other citizens of Franklin county. Reasons—The crime was committed while aging, there being over four hundred children present. William Floyd, Esq., presided. The opening prayer was made by Rev. John Galley. Rev. S. R. Frazier was the first to address the school. In his sparkling speech he made the children almost dance with happiness. He was followed by Messrs. Charles Arbuthnot, A. Marshall, also Revs. Wm. Coleman and John Galley. After the benediction, the little folks received a plentiful supply of gifts, which sent them home rejoicing.

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Attention has been again drawn to the interesting system of book keeping practiced at the Nation Trust Company, by the "statement" of the missing Cashier which has just been made public. This mysterious paper came to the Receiver of the bank, Mr. John H. Bailey several weeks ago, but without a date or any clue to the whereabouts of the writer. Since it has been in Mr. Bailey's hands the books of the bank have been undergoing an overhauling, and it is proper to state that the Receiver says some of Grier's statements have not been proven by the books; there are others which have not been investigated yet, and they may result similarly. Mr. Grier is somewhat explicit in his allegations, but generally his statements are denied emphatically by the persons named, and in some instances where he charges "overdrafts" the parties claim balances in their favor. So much has been said, and rumor has exaggerated to such an extent everything connected with Grier's statement, that it is but fair now that the public have an opportunity to learn just what is in it, and it is given below:

THE STATEMENT.

"I understand Mr. Wm. Brickell says he has no paper in the National Trust Company, endorsed by him, which is not so, as he never lifted the notes of John Ramsey, of New York city. The night I saw him last he wanted me to purchase some stock of the bank to enable him to lift the notes, which I did. But after due consideration he concluded to wait till Monday morning. The transfer you will find in the safe, on the top of the tin box.

Mr. Wm. Smith's account has been overdrawn for over two years, sometimes as high as $150,000, which the bookkeeper will vouch for. Many a time I have lent him notes to have discounted outside, the proceeds of which were placed to his credit, so that overdrafts wouldn't be noticed. There were also checks held back and not posted. You will find checks in the safe on other banks that were not paid, lifted by us, and not charged to him at the time of our suspension. Please have young Mr. Dickson show them to you. To the best of my knowledge there are a lot of notes I lent to H. Long that are not charged to Smith, among them one of $10,000 belonging to the Consolidated Gas Company, and a lot of Iron paper. Mr. Long has an account of all of these notes, and will give it to you without fear or favor, as he is a gentleman. I lost many a sleepless night on account of Smith's over drafts, and told him over and again it would get me into trouble. But he continued to draw away, notwithstanding my protest against it, which young Mr. Dickson will vouch for. I also paid eleven thousand dollars for the use of an account that the bank has at the present time for the benefit of Smith. Five thousand of it has never been charged to him. Also several other notes that I cannot think of at the present, as I am nearly crazy over this trouble, which God knows. Have his account thoroughly examined, as I exchanged a great many checks with Long for the benefit of Smith.